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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Shuji SAITOH et al.

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RECOMBINANT VIRUS, AND ITS USE

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.111

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

April 10, 2003

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 19, 2002, the Applicants respectfully request that the present application be amended as follows, and the rejection of record be reconsidered in view of the amendments and the following remarks.

A marked-up version of the amendments is included in this response.

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